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Prima means "first" in Latin,
Strange name? Not when you realize,
In connection with our school this year,
What "Prima" fully implies.

It stands for "first" in methods,
Our teaching here has changed,
Continuous progress is our aim
And the learning is so arranged.

It stands for "first" in programs
In this we did excel,
The Minstrel show, the Christmas Show,
The choir displays as well.

The Southdale News in the Age Dispatch,
A principal full time here!
The library, picture file, equipment too,
These are "firsts" this year.

We're justly proud of Southdale,
And each "first" that this year took!
So here, we proudly present to you
"The Prima" our first year book.

Margaret E. Smyth.

PRINCIPAL: JOHN T. MACKEY

This school year has been particulary significant and important to me for three reasons. Firstly, it has confronted me with administrative duties and experiences that will be extremely valuable to me in the future. Secondly the last ten months have given me the opportunity to work with an exceptionally progressive and enthusiastic staff. And Thirdly, being partial to Strathroy, it has enabled me to teach young people who I hope to watch develop into our future citizens.

FROM LEFT: E. Ward, M. Charlton, J. Schmidt, M: Smyth, D. Lambert, J. Linzmajer, J. Mackey, L. Huston, I. Bruce.

STAFF

MR. CLEAN LEAVES A SHEEN

WHERE HE CLEANS!

Mr. C. Harvey shows some of the equipment he uses to keep our school so clean.

Yearbook Editors

SEATED: Judy Hesk, Mr. J. Mackey, Mark Schultz, Miss M. Smyth, Billy Smith

STANDING: Mary Anne Ford, David Scott, Penny Luel, Michael Baker.

All students of Miss Smyth's class, Room 6, are to be credited for the contents of this book.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS - MRS. LAMBERT

In January, a store was set up in the room. The children brought in several containers to use in their store. The children took turns being storekeeper and customers. This helped the pupils understand the value of money.

The morning class put on the April assembly for the rest of the school. After several songs and verses, the children acted out the play "Red Hen". Heather Holden acted the part of the Little Hen who worked so hard to make some bread for her ten little chicks. The cat, Allan Stoner, the Pig, Murray Mackey, and the frog, Shannon Edmunds, discovered that by not helping the red hen they couldn't eat any of the good bread. All of the children sang the words of the play while the children acted it out.

Dorothy Visser.

FRONT ROW: Valerie Weekes, Diane Watt, Adrienne Kent, Joyce Kroll, Heather Holden, Shannon Edmunds, Susan Pearse, Marlene Petersen, Amy James. SECOND ROW: Lloyd Zinn, Ralph Baker, Bonnie Schneider, Jenny Finkbeiner, Karen Bramley, Laurie Gare, Diane King, Randy McNaughton, Sean Baker, Todd Jewell. BACK ROW: Frank Schneider, Tom Peden, Bernard Van Brenk, Allan Stoner, Murray Mackey, Michael Windis, John Tamming, Michael DeRuiter, Kenneth Linker.

FRONT ROW: Gaye Welch, Patricia Taylor, Radmila Divic, Grace Vanderwerf, Kim Clark, Nada Divic Sandra McNaughton, Joy Richardson, Lorry Morningstar. SECOND ROW: Suzana Vignjevic, Brenda Topping, Cathy Kerr, Ekka Tamming, Janet Kettlewell, Debbie Gerhold, Teresa Venhuizen, Edna Heidelberg, Harold De Haan. THIRD ROW: Ronnie Lightfoot, Bill Riczu, Clifford Hunter, Donald Van Erp, David Ferguson, Raymond Purdon, Gregory Lawrence.

FRONT ROW: Gwen Ogle, Sandra Martin, Dawn Colledge, Tammy Purdy, Connie Ryan, Lorie Collins, Susan Rupert, Melody Hickson, Mary Crouch. SECOND ROW: Murray Abra, Paul Brothers, Michael Sawchuk, Bradley Clothier, Mark Taylor, Kathy Butler, Sharon Drenth, Janette Denyes, Benny Linker, Edward De Haan, Rudy Hebrang, Peter Reynders, George Giffen. BACK ROW: Jeffery Butler, Donnie Eagleden, Bradley Goldrick, Timmy Tanton, Glen Hick, Bobby Scott, Douglas McNaughton, Rodney McNaughton, Dale Stacey, Mrs. Linzmajer. ABSENT Stephen Weekes.

GRADE ONE NEWS - MRS. LINZMAJER

These are some of the questions I asked Mrs. Linzmajer. When I asked her, she was very nice in answering. I asked her what kind of work they did in class, and she said the children were doing Numberwork, Reading, Science and Social Studies. They are also learning how to print and make their own stories. They are reading a special type of book called the Readers' Digest Beginning Books. The children enjoy the stories in them very much.

Mrs. Linzmajer's class put on the Easter Assembly for the school, which everyone enjoyed. They did a play about Walpole the Rabbit, where the rabbit could only talk when his ears could flap around. His flapping ears saved his whole family from the terrible wolf and they all went and delivered their Easter eggs to everybody.

Altogether, there are 33 children in the Grade one class - 13 girls and 20 boys. I asked her if she had taken her class on a trip yet, and she said they hadn't gone anywhere so far, but they hope to go on a trip soon.

FRONT ROW: Susan Bailey, April Elliott, Pam Shaddock, Beth Down, Lydia Lalacz, Esther Svendsen, Bonnie Divic, Mary Riczu, Tammy Welch. SECOND ROW: Cindy Goldrick, Nancy Tanton, Lisa Robinson, Beverley McNaughton, Steven Gillan, Kathy Picott, Bradley Giffen, Ingrid Jansen, Lynne Ogle, Alison Elliott, Sandra DeBoer, BACK ROW: Dale Schultz, Gary Emmons, Duncan McPherson, Jeff Pray, Roger Kroll, Kirk Zantz, Michael Weekes, Mark Beer, Allan Brabender, Stephen King, Mrs. Huston.

GRADES ONE AND TWO NEWS - MRS. HUSTON

Room three has had a very busy year. On a cold day in February, all of the children set out for the Superior Food Market and had a very interesting time touring the store. Mr. Seed met them at the door and they went on a guided tour of all the different food departments. All of the children were fascinated by the noisy, but interesting meat cutter.

Returning from the supermarket, the children set up their own food store. The mothers of the children sent different kinds of food for their shelves.

The children tried to hurry Spring along by setting up a display of Spring in their classroom and in the hall, but it didn't help any - Spring still wouldn't come.

Besides setting up a display on Spring, the children put up a land of Fairy Tale. They really had to use their imaginations on that one!

The classroom is set up into four different areas. One is for Science, one for Arithmetic, one for Library and one for Art. In each of these corners, the children can work quietly at what they like best.

So you can see - these children are really busy!

Joanne Garbutt

FRONT ROW: Wendy Dennis, Kelly Holden, Kathy Lawrence, Debra Earhart, Teresa Riczu, Sandra Denyes, Kathy McLeod, Michelle Kent, Sherri Kellestine. SECOND ROW: Pauline Bromley, Cindy Shaddock, Boby Stuart, Eddy McLean, Lynda Emmons, Diane Topping Wendy Weber, Simon Feenstra, Mark Lawrence, Eva Baczynski. BACK ROW: Tim Morningstar, Robbie Ford, Gary Weekes, Curt Watchorn, Randy Gerhold, Rade Divic, Joey Rychel, Ray Giffen, Jeff Calcutt, Miss Ward. Absent - Robbie Henry.

GRADE TWO NEWS - MISS WARD

On Friday, November 17, Miss Ward's class visited the Strathroy Public Library. Mrs. Feenstra and Mrs. Arnel went with the class. Although it was cold, there was no snow on the ground and they enjoyed their walk.

At the library, Miss Thompson met the class and showed them where to hang up their coats. Then she showed them where the different books could be found in the children's section of the library. The children had many questions about the carving in Miss Thompson's office and the ship's bell in the storage room. They discovered that many newspapers and magazines are kept in the store room. They toured the other small rooms in the building and in the auditorium they purchased old library books. Some children bought their first library card to borrow books from the library.

Before they left, Miss Thompson took their picture on the lawn in front of the library.

They sent paintings of their trip and letters thanking Miss Thompson for the trip. Some of the paintings and letters were put in the display case at the library.

Alma Calcutt

FRONT ROW: Linda Martin, Cindy Ryan, Betty Tanton, Julie Rychel, Susan Smaill, Debbie Collins, Sherri Clark, Zena Peden, Janice Zinn. SECOND ROW: Joanne McNaughton, Lana Parachin, Susan Arnel, Evelyn Lenting, John Rychel, Martin Peterson, Danny Abra, Barbara Hennessey, Debbie Hunter, Sandra Stuart. BACK ROW: Darrell Butler, Craig Schultz, Roy Beer, Lance Kellestine, Brian Brothers, Erwin Billuch, David Butler, Perry Jewell, Ricky McLean, Danny Kettlewell, Mrs.Bruce

GRADE THREE NEWS - MRS. BRUCE

Mrs. Bruce's class has been working with an S.R.A. Reading Lab. This gives extra reading skills so that the child moves at his own rate in reading. It is not used in place of the readers, but with them. A special part of the Lab. is the Listening Programme. This is used to improve the listening habits of the children. Pupils keep records of their progress on charts and graphs. They have to be sure and keep their own records.

The teacher helps the children when help is needed, but they have to do most of the work on their own. She also discusses their progress with them.

The S.R.A. Reading Lab. is set up in Grade three, so that each child may read the things that he is most interested in. These stories are called power builders. As each child finishes the stories in his level, he can move on to the next level.

The pupils in this class are doing more than reading. In their Science classes, they are talking about Nature. The class has been divided into three different groups, and Mrs. Bruce is taking each group to different Nature trails in the area. They are certainly having an interesting year.

Tommy Crouch

FRONT ROW: Tracy Alderson, Ginger Rupert, Carol Benedict, Kim Schneider, Kim Giffen, Dorothy Visser, Rosanne Van Brenk, Judy Hesk, Mary Anne Ford. SECOND ROW: Alma Calcutt, Tommy Ford, Michael Baker, Joanne Garbutt, Susan Clothier, Debbie Sawchuk, Lisa Fitzgerald, Penny Luel, Billy Smith, Blair Zinn, Danny Eagleden. BACK ROW: Tommy Crouch, Mark Rolls, Terry Cooper, David Kerr, Mark Schultz, David Scott, Herman Kolstein, Stephen Taylor, Herbie Colledge, David Earhart, Miss Smyth. ABSENT - Debbie Flynn, Reinhold Lettkemann.

GRADE THREE AND FOUR NEWS - MISS SMYTH

The pupils in this room have taken several trips to go along with their work in Science and Social Studies. The children have been divided into several groups and each group reports back to the rest of the class, explaining what they saw. The groups have gone to the Weather Station at London Airport, the sugar bush, the Department of Geology at the University of Western Ontario and the Observatory at Western. The whole class went on a trip to Kelloggs to see how our cereals were made. These trips made our studies of the subjects more interesting.

We also saw a film from the Bell Telephone Co., called "About Time", and a man from the London Free Press came out and showed us how a newspaper was made.

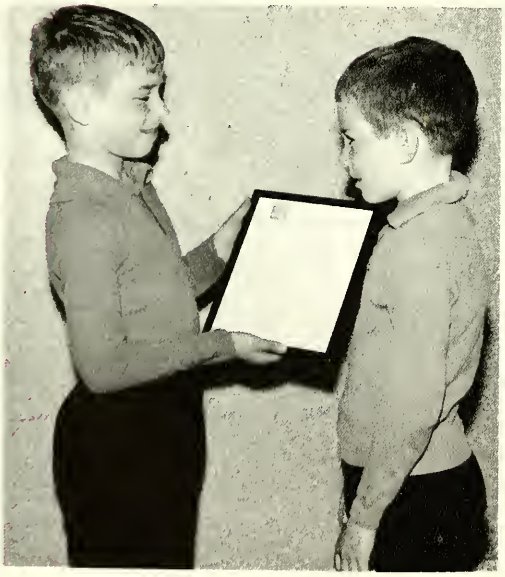
We have done many projects in the class, also, such as this yearbook, and we made and ran a post office for the school, while we studied communications.

When Michael and Terry corrected the Dictionary Company, we received a letter from Ireland about it, and we wrote to the children in the Irish school.

With all this work, our year in this room has gone by very fast.

Herbie Colledge.

WHAT IS A POLYGON?



When Miss Smyth was teaching the term "Polygon" to her class, Michael Baker looked up the word in his dictionary. The teacher had said that a triangle was a polygon, but the book said that a polygone had seven or more sides and points. Somebody was wrong.

After discussion with the class, it was decided to write to Holt, Rinehart and Winston to settle the argument. Terry Cooper wrote the company and explained the problem.

Here, Terry and Michael show the letter they received, apologizing for the mistake and thanking them for pointing it out.

FRONT ROW: Nancy Calcutt, Sigrid Beer, Lorna Peden, Anna Calcutt, Karen Welch, Karen Svendsen, Elizabeth Reynders, Janie Lalacz, Cindy James. SECOND ROW: John Martin, Judy Brothers, Kathy Bryant Susan Coole, Walter Lenting, Brian Picott, Donald Gough, Diane McNaughton, Cindy Power, Debra Tanton. BACK ROW: Brian Gare, Ronny Van Brenk, Max Kolstein, Murray Watt, Ron Keay, Billy Ferguson, Raymond Elliott, Daryl McLeod, Jeff Pearse, Randy McLean, Mrs. J. Schmidt. ABSENT: Terry Hesk.

GRADE FOUR AND FIVE NEWS - MRS. J. SCHMIDT

The pupils in Mrs. Schmidt's class have had many different teachers this year. They are on rotary with Mr. Mackey's class, so they have Mrs. Schmidt, Mr. Mackey and Mrs. Charlton. They also had student teachers at different times through the year.

The grade fives from this room went to Toronto with the other grade fives and had a very nice time. They saw the City Hall and went to the Museum, also. They went on the subway which was a new experience for most of them.

The class has done many projects in Science and Social Studies through the year. There were many interesting displays on such topics as Communications, Transportation and Maple Syrup.

They are also reading a novel in their reading lessons, Treasure Island. Only the ones interested in the novel are doing it, and the others are reading stories that they are interested in.

The boys in this class take Arts and Crafts with Mr. Mackey's class and the girls take it with Mrs. Schmidt. They have done many interesting things in these periods, such as woodburning for the boys and the girls have made stuffed animals and embroidered towels.

Mark Rolls.

FRONT ROW: Patti Pettigrew, Rhonda Kellestine, Brenda Keay, Karen Books, Nancy Ogle, Carol Slottke, Brenda Richardson, Patsy Down, Nancy Rupert. SECOND ROW: Belinda Alderson, Veronica Szotak, Barb Smaill, Irene Chelew, Judy Stuart, Jane Luel, Cynthia Cooper, Judy Blackwell, Krisann Down, Maureen Abra, Julie Colledge, Debbie Kettlewell, BACK ROW: Mr. Mackey, Paul Svendsen, Gary Kettlewell, Robbie Hick, Jim Wilson, Robbie Butler, Gary Topping, Ted Colgan, Jay Purdy, Alan Jordan, Tim Calcutt, Mrs. Charlton.

GRADE FIVE NEWS - MR. MACKEY

The pupils in Mr. Mackey's room have been very busy doing projects in Science and Social Studies, as well as Mathematics. The projects are done by means of cards telling the general idea of the project, but the students have to decide what part of the project they will do. It makes the work very interesting, as they do what interests them most.

This year, the pupils were on rotation with Mrs. Schmidt as their teacher for some of their subjects. Mrs. Charlton is their teacher for part of the week also, when Mr. Mackey does his principal's jobs.

The room is separated into different groups at which the children are able to go and do their work on their own.

A Weather Station was set up by the pupils and they made all the equipment necessary for weather forecasting.

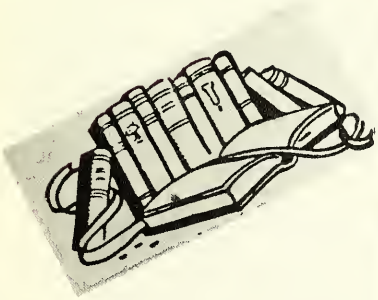
In the morning, Current Events are studied, such as the Liberal Leadership Race and world events of importance.

Terry Cooper.

EQUIPMENT

Kim Giffen and Herman Kolstein look ready to climb to great heights. The new ropes in the gym provide the pupils with fun and challenge. Almost every child hopes to be able to touch the ceiling before the end of the year - and many have done so already.

Southdale is proud of these two new additions and so are their young keepers. Above, Brenda Keay, Krisann Down, Julie Colledge and Jane Luel are doing an excellent job as librarians for our portable bookshelves. Below, Cynthia Cooper and Carol Slottke show two of the many pictures filed away in the filing drawers. The contents of both pieces of equipment were categorized and filed by the Grade Five students.



SPORTS

SOCCER

Members of the Soccer Team are: FRONT ROW: Randy McLean, Jeff Pearse, Raymond Elliott, Brian Gare, Ronny Van Brenk, John Martin. SECOND ROW: Daryl McLeod, Henry Kolstein, Murray Watt, Billy Ferguson, Tim Calcutt, Gary Kettlewell, Robbie Hick, Terry Hesk, Paul Svendsen, Max Kolstein. BACK ROW: Jim Wilson, Ted Colgan, Walter Lenting, Don Gough Brian Picott, Gary Topping, Ron Keay, Alan Jordan, Jay Purdy. COACH: Mr. J. Mackey.

FRONT ROW:
Carol Benedict,
Mike Baker,
Mark Schultz
Stephen Taylor,
Tommy Crouch.

SECOND ROW:
Tracy Alderson,
Jo-Anne Garbutt,
Reinhold Letkemann,
Kim Giffen,
Mary Anne Ford.

COACH:
Miss M. Smyth

VOLLEYBALL - Grades 3 & 4

FRONT ROW:
Danny Eaglede,
Mark Rolls,
David Earhart,
Herb Colledge,
Tommy Ford.

SECOND ROW:
David Scott,
Penny Luel,
Miss M. Smyth,
Terry Cooper.

FRONT ROW:
Carol Slottke,
Brenda Richardson
Veronica Szotak,
Anna Calcutt,
Nancy Ogle.

SECOND ROW:
Krisann Down,
Susan Coole,
Cynthia Cooper,
Diane McNaughton,
Julie Colledge,
Patti Pettigrew.

COACH: Mrs. J. Schmidt

VOLLEYBALL - Grades 4 & 5

FRONT ROW:
Nancy Calcutt,
Cindy James,
Judy Stuart,
Sigrid Beer,
Rhonda Kellestine.

SECOND ROW:
Patsy Downs,
Debbie Kettlewell,
Judy Blackwell,
Mrs. J. Schmidt,
Irene Chelew,
Maureen Abra,
Karen Brooks.

FRONT ROW:
Belinda Alderson
Elizabeth Reynders,
Kathy Bryant,
Karen Welch,
Nancy Rupert.

SECOND ROW:
Brenda Keay,
Barb Smaill,
Mrs. J. Schmidt,
Jane Luel,
Cindy Power
Karen Svendsen.

FRONT ROW: Max Kolstein, Terry Hesk, Gary Topping, Gary Kettlewell, Daryl McLeod.
SECOND ROW: Billy Ferguson, Robbie Hick, Alan Jordan, Don Gough, Walter Lenting, Ron Keay, Ted Colgan, Jay Purdy.
COACH: Mr. J. Mackey.

Something new that has been added this year is the Crest System. The children receive points for each of their achievements in the fields of Choir, Volleyball, Soccer, Softball, Clubs and their Academic Work. When they have earned two points, they receive the crest for that achievement, and when they have earned ten points or five crests, they receive the school letter.

At Christmas, singing seems to be the key to a festive season. The children of Southdale certainly made the time a happy one in many ways.

Divided into three large groups, and assisted by both parents and teachers, the children went to main corners of the town and sang Christmas carols and seasonal songs.

The money received from their efforts went to buying toys and school equipment for the Retarded Children's School just recently opened. They sang $153.00 worth of songs that night.

A Santa Claus Parade just isn't a sucess without children in it! The parade this year was a howling success and we are proud to say that we had a hand in making it that way.

The Southdale Junior Choir rode on a gaily decorated float singing songs and carols of the season. They were all bundled up against the elements and their rosy cheeks and gay voices made a pleasant combination of sight and sound.

Southdale News!!!

SEATED: Jeff Pierce, Mrs. J. Schmidt, Daryl McLeod, Karen Svendsen.
STANDING: Cindy James, Max Kolstein, Kathy Bryant, Ron Keay, Donald Gough, Walter Lenting, Cindy Powers, Randy McLean.

These people collect, edit and submit the news that goes under the heading "Southdale School News" in the Age Dispatch every second week. They are doing an excellent job, as the column is interesting and complete each week.

FRONT ROW: Brenda Keay, Paul Svendsen, Patti Pettigrew, Jay Purdy, Debbie, Kettlewell, Carol Slottke, Belinda Alderson.

BACK ROW: Barbara Smaill, Maureen Abra, Judy Stuart, Gary Topping, Jane Luel, Krisann Down, Julie Colledge.

These Grade Five pupils helped the parents and teachers during interviews. They made sure that the people were in the right place at the right time and that everything was going on schedule.

SOUTHDALE JUNIOR CHOIR

Members of the choir are: FRONT ROW: Kim Schneider, Karen Welch, Anna Calcutt, Patsy Downs, John Martin, Lorna Peden, Janie Lalacz. SECOND ROW: Rosanne Van Brenk, Billy Smith, Raymond Elliott, Nancy Ogle, Mark Schultz, Karen Svendsen, Terry Cooper, Paul Svendsen Mark Rolls, Elizabeth Reynders, Kim Giffen, David Earhart, Danny Eagleden. THIRD ROW: Nancy Rupert, Debbie Flynn, Nancy Calcutt, Carol Benedict, Sigrid Beer, Belinda Alderson, Cindy James, Mary Anne Ford, Alma Calcutt, Rhonda Kellestine, Karen Brooks, Brenda Richardson, Carol Slottke. FOURTH ROW: Brenda Keay, Judy Brothers, David Scott, Debbie Kettlewell, Kathy Bryant, Debbie Tanton, Patti Pettigrew, Tim Calcutt. FIFTH ROW: Barb Smaill, Susan Coole, Cynthia Cooper, Jane Luel, Walter Lenting, Brian Picott, Don Gough, Diane McNaughton, Irene Chelew, Judy Blackwell, Julie Colledge. BACK ROW: Mrs. J. Schmidt, Cindy Power, Alan Jordan, Robbie Hick, Veronica Szotak, Maureen Abra, Krisann Down, Judy Stuart, Ted Colgan, Jay Purdy, Lisa Fitzgerald.

The Southdale Junior Choir was formed in October of this school year and they have been busy ever since. The choir made its first appearance at the school Remembrance Day services in November. Since that time, they have sung at the Strathroy Hospital, Strathmere Lodge in the Santa Claus Parade, in the Christmas Pageant and a number of them appeared in the Minstrel Show in May.

They practice on Thursdays, under the direction of Mrs. M.Johnson, and Mrs. J. Schmidt rehearses with them during the week before their performances.

Considering that they have just started, they have come a long way and will be a good foundation for the choirs in the future.

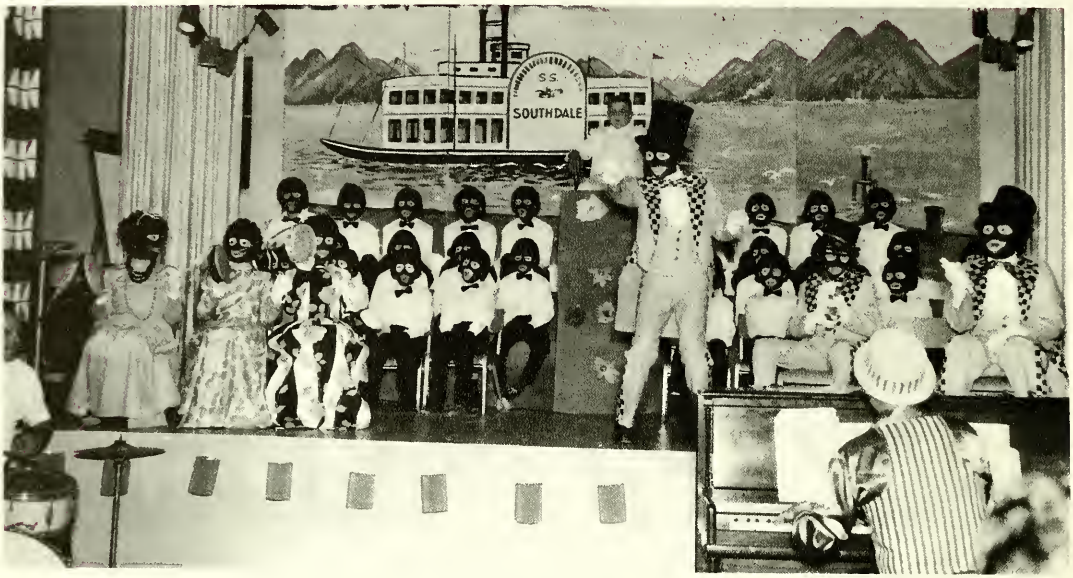
FRONT ROW: Judy Hesk, Allan Brabender, Carol Slottke, Jane Luel, Gary Topping, Jay Purdy, Tammy Purdy, Heather Holden, SECOND ROW: Jennie Finkbeiner, Lisa Robinson, Danny Eagleden, Bobby Stuart, Julie Rychel, Sherri Clark, Rudy Hebrang, Curt Watchorn, Sherri Kellestine. THIRD ROW: Eddy McLean, Patti Pettigrew, Alan Jordan, Donald Gough, Walter Lenting, Ronnie Keay, Martin Petersent, Paul Svendsen, BACK ROW: Mrs. J. Schmidt, Benny Linker, Joanne Garbutt, Daryl McLeod, Karen Svendsen, Max Kolstein, Terry Cooper, Steven Gillan, Murray Mackey, Miss M. Smyth, Mr. J. Mackey.

A gaily decorated auditorium was the setting, and December 19th was the night that we played host to over 400 parents, friends and neighbours of the pupils. For this was the night that all the children were waiting for - the Christmas play.

The first part of the performance was filled with skits, songs, recitations and dances. Nancy Ogle, dressed as a bunny, flitted in with cards announcing what would be coming next. Each class put on an eight to ten minute performance and received wonderful applause.

The scene shifted from that of fun and merry-making to one of calm serenity when the overhead lights went off and the amber spot lit up the stage set in a comfortable living room scene of 2000 years ago. From that moment on, the children chosen from each class brought to life the little town of Bethlehem, the hills over which the angels brought forth their glad message, and the desperate search for rooms in the crowded town. The children did an excellent job of portraying the birth of Christ, and the choir singing in the background lent a quiet dignity to the setting on stage.

The play was written by Miss M. Smyth and directed by Miss Smyth, Mrs. J. Schmidt and Mr. J. Mackey. The choir was led by Mrs. M. Johnson.



CAST

END GIRLS: Judy "Saphire" Stuart, Kathy "Vanilla" Bryants, Judy "Magnolia" Blackwell.
END BOYS: Jay "Rastus" Purdy, Don "Bones Gough, Brian "Sambo" Picott.
INTERLOCUTOR: Ron Keay
CHORUS: Maureen Abra, Sigrid Beer, Carold Benedict, Robert Butler, Anna Calcutt, Tim Calcutt, Herb Colledge, Susan Coole, Cynthia Cooper, Terry Cooper, David Earhart, Raymond Elliott, Mary Anne Ford, Kim Giffen, Robbie Hick, Alan Jordan, Brenda Keay, Gary Kettlewell, John Martin, Diane McNaughton, Nancy Ogle, Mark Rolls, Nancy Rupert, Barb Smaill, Karen Svendsen, Paul Svendsen, Dorothy Visser.

DRUMS: Ron Marshall
PIANO: Dalton Walpole
USHERS: Doris Lambert, Judy Mackey, Margaret Smyth, Judy Linzmajer.

Go South with Southdale. Over seven hundred people followed this advice and are glad they did. There is not sufficient space in these four pages to express our appreciation and admiration of Mr. Dalton Walpole and his talents. Had it not been for him, the Minstrel Show would have been a lovely idea but and impossibility. His praise, ideas, patience and encouragement made each person want to do his job just a little bit better every time. When a man of Mr. Walpole's calibre takes the reins of a production such as this, nothing but an outstanding success is possible.

After all the guests had been ushered to their seats by four black-faced "Mammies", "Grandpa" Robinson shuffled in to have a moment's peace and quiet to read his evening paper. The quiet didn't last long, for several children came rushing in to surprise Grandpa, because today was his birthday! As old people do, Grandpa thought back to the good old days - what times they were! The story of the birthdays spent at the Minstrel Show couldn"t be missed.

"But Grandpa, what is a Minister Show?" queried one confused child, as she had never heard the term before. This serious mistake had to be corrected at once. Heaven sakes, imagine, not knowing what a Minstrel Show was.

Now, you must know that Grandfather was a very good story-teller. As a matter of fact, he made it sound so real, you could actually hear that old showboat pulling into shore.

Thus, the Minstrel Show was successfully introduced. Little Lorie certainly learned the difference between a "Minister" Show and a Minstrel Show!

Songs, jokes and dances were the main attraction and each child shone in his or her part. The chorus belted out the songs as if they had been singing them all their lives instead of a few short weeks, and the Endmen hammed up their parts like professionals. Each of the eight soloists were brought back for three and four encores, with shistles, cheers, and loud applause.

Mr. Interlocutor had a big job cut out for him and he did such an excellent job that he was applauded just for introducing the numbers! To give an example of his task, the following introductions we are quoting in part from his script.

"That ebony songstress of the deep South, Miss Magnolia Blossom, will sing for you, "Meet Me In St.Louis, Louis".

"Be prepared to hold your breath as Mr. Rastus displays an incredible feat of vocal gymnastics with that perennial favorite, "Swanee".

"It is with great pride that we present the one and only Miss Vanilla whose twinkling toes will both amaze and delight you with a magnificent tap dance to that old favorite, "Swanee River".

"That renowned vocalist, Miss Cynthia Cooper, will render that sentimental ballad, "Mighty Lak A Rose".

"Here is Mr. Bones who will rattle the windows with this stirring musical rendition of an unusual complaint, "Ma, She's Making Eyes at me".

"From the chorus, our accordian virtuoso, Mr. Tim Calcutt, who will display his amazing desterity in a number entitled, "Dem Golden Slippers".

"Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, a most elegant performance by that lovely and talented world-famous soprano, Miss Saphire, as she plaintively sings, "Won't you Come Home, Bill Bailey".

"That unequalled song stylist, Mr. Sambo, will present a solo of amazing and surpassing artistry as presented before the crowned heads of Europe. Here he is with his justly famous "Mammy".

From a boy in Grade Five, words like this, presented with the flare of a professional, and greeted with as much enthusiasm, created a great deal of justified pride for Ron, from the teachers and parents.

Each of the two shows ended with a standing ovation, which is ample proof of the success of the first Annual Minstrel Show!

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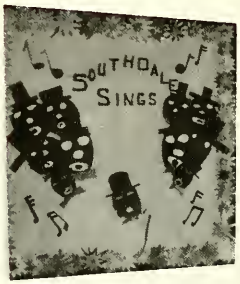
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